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IMMIGRATION REFORM FOR THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA— TODAY'S CHOICES COULD BE TOMORROW'S CONSEQUENCES

*Expert Reveals the Repercussions of Opposing Immigrants at the
 California Legislative Latino Caucus Speakers Series*

WHAT:

Immigration is one of the key issues facing Americans today. As Californians participate in the dialogue and debate, it's imperative that the choices made today are not at the expense of the future of California.

According to Dr. Dowell Myers, USC (University of Southern California) Professor, "the majority of the State's voters—white seniors and baby boomers—are undermining their futures by opposing immigrants."

Myers, a demographer specializing in urban growth, immigration and Californian's population, will share findings from his new book *'Immigrants and Boomers: Forging a New Social Contract for the Future of America'* at the California Legislative Latino Caucus Speakers Series.

FACTS:

- Since 2000, immigrants have made up 46% of the growth in the US labor force, and today there are more than 22 million foreign-born workers;
- The foreign-born now account for one in every five doctors; one in five computer specialists, and one in six professionals in engineering or science occupations in the United States; and,
- The ratio of seniors to working-age residents, including immigrants, will grow from 250 seniors per 1,000 working-age residents in 2010 to 411 per 1,000 in 2030.

The California Legislative Latino Caucus, in partnership with Comcast, are presenting the Speakers Series as an informational and educational forum that addresses key issues facing California. Participants include: community leaders, policymakers, legislative staff and the media.

WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2007
 1:00 pm—2:00 pm

WHERE: California State Capitol
Room 4202

WHO: -Dr. Dowell Myers, Professor, University of Southern California
 -Assemblymember Joe Coto (D-San Jose), Latino Caucus Chair
 -Senator Gilbert Cedillo (D-Los Angeles), Latino Caucus Vice-Chair